

GRADUATE, ADULT CONTINUING STUDIES DIVISION

NEWS

God "Right on Target" Reports Andy Bozynski

"I drew a 100-mile circle around Longview and asked the Lord to provide a college position within that range so my wife, Etsuko, and I could be close to our son and daughter and their families."

That's how Andy Bozynski describes why he is at LeTourneau University. At the same time, the Division of Graduate, Adult and Continuing Studies had begun a search for a person with curriculum and technology experience. However, Andy was 8,000 miles away in Japan serving as Assistant Director for the Distance Education Program for the University of Maryland.

LeTourneau's job listings on the University's Internet web site was the first link in the chain of events that brought Bozynski here to be the University's first-ever director of curriculum and classroom technology. He will develop new curricula and work to enhance academic programs with the application of classroom technology. His background also includes a 21-year stint in the Navy where he specialized in long range and satellite communications, computer systems and electronics maintenance.

"I wanted to be no more than two hours away from my children and God marvelously set me down right here in the same community. It is exciting to see Him at work using the latest technology to complete his ageless plan," said Bozynski.



Judy Jackson, Houston marketing representative, hands a bag of popcorn to M.B.A. student Luis Abrantes. Graduate students were honored at each LeTourneau Educational Center during Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week, April 7-11. Texas governor George Bush issued the proclamation honoring the achievements of graduate and professional students throughout the state.

GAACS Division To Begin Offering Lower-Division Courses

Beginning in September, the Division of Graduate, Adult and Continuing Studies will offer freshmen and sophomore level courses to enable adult students to earn their entire degree at LeTourneau University. Previously, adult students had to enter the degree completion program having already earned at least 60 credit hours from another institution. Now, adult students can choose either the Bachelor of Business Administration or a Bachelor of Business Management and complete all requirements at LeTourneau University.

According to Dr. Robert W. Hudson, dean of the division, "The downward expansion will significantly increase our reach to students we previously could not serve because we did not offer freshmen and sophomore level courses. We will use the same methods and formats as our degree completion program and we will continue to provide a high level of student services to these students." The program will be available at all Educational Centers and Hudson anticipates a steady increase in adult student enrollment as a result of this innovation.

UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

Plan to join us when we're in your area. Meet with old friends, make new ones and hear the latest from LeTourneau.

AUGUST

Saturday, 8/2
Oshkosh
(E.A.A.), WI

OCTOBER

Friday, 10/17
Newport News,
VA

Saturday, 10/18
Lancaster, PA

NOVEMBER

Friday to Sunday
11/7-8-9
Homecoming '97

Alumni Update



Richard (MES '56 and former president) and Louise LeTourneau celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in February 1997.

George J. Wilson (BI/HI '73-'74) went to be with the Lord on 1/13/97. He was residing in Dallas at the time of his death and leaves behind his wife of over 52 years.

Mike (MT '78) and **Wanda Walker** work in Ghana, West Africa. Mike has been the hospital administrator for a 100-bed hospital there for the past two years. Before that he was project director of a water well drilling unit. Wanda is active in teaching literacy classes and raising their three daughters.

Gerald M. Bailey (MES '60) passed away 8/6/96 of a sudden heart attack.

William Brooks (RE '64) was promoted to manager of the Bob Evans Restaurant in Goodlettsville, Tenn. He has been with the company since 1992.



Cork Loken (ET '64) came by the Alumni Office in June. Here he is with his old quartet which includes (l. to r.) Paul Gandhara (PT '66), Mort Eriksen ('63), Cork Loken and Bob Lathrop (MT '63).

James D. Burgin (ME '65) passed away on 4/7/97. He is survived by his wife, Barbara.

Roger Goodman (MT '67) passed away on 2/16/97 from cancer. He and his wife, Mary Kate, lived in Longview, Texas, and were avid supporters of LeTourneau University.

Larry McGuire (ET '68) celebrates his 30th anniversary with Trans World Radio this year.

Nick (MT '74) and **Tracy Brothers** have been running Cross Bar X Youth Ranch for 20 years. Send your congratulations to crossbar@frontier.net.

Jim (ET '83) and

Debbie Steenland (BI/HI '73-'74) were blessed with their 6th child, Victoria Grace, in April of '96. Jim is now an

engineering manager with ITT Industries automotive plant in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, as well as the interim pastor of Mines Road Church in Laredo, Texas. His e-mail is jimsteenland@border.net

Sharon Tate (MABS '83) is now the systems operations manager with Wellspring Resources LLC in Jackson, Fla.

Mark (MT/AT '80) and **Debra Shelly** have four sons and one daughter. Kathryn Elizabeth was born 7/2/96, and her brothers call her Katie.

Bob (PEBS '80) and **Kathy (BU/PY '92)** Vetter have a son! Joshua McClelland was born 4/13/97.

Gary (MT/AT '80-81) and **Dana Lieser** have welcomed several new members to their family. They are happy to have Bryonna - 4 months, Tyber - 18 months and Caleb - 3 years.

James (CST '81-83) and **Linda Bushey** announce the arrival of Matthew Robert on 4/12/97. Matthew is their first child.

Richard (IM '83) and **Amber Best** announce the birth of Logan Christian on 6/8/97. His proud grandparents are J.C. and Beverly Harder.

Keith (AT '83) and **Lois Betsch** are in Indonesia working with SIL. Keith is working as a pilot and Lois works as a nurse.

Dave (ATBS '83) and **Hilda Fyock** were safely evacuated from Albania with their son. Please pray for them and for the Albanians they were working with through MAF.

Shawn (ET '85) and **Janele (EN '83-'85)** Parsons are pleased to announce the birth of Isabelle Shawn on 2/14/97 ... a Valentine's Baby!!

Bill (AUT '86) and **Karen Fosbenner** had their first child, Rachel Elizabeth on 11/14/96.

Kevin (AT '86) and **Beth Libber** now live in Winchester, Va. Kevin works as an Air Traffic Controller at the Washington Center.

Dan (ATBS '86) and **Sue Osterhus** praise God for the safe arrival of Phoebe Jennette. She was born 12/4/96 in Shell, Ecuador. Dan and Sue are with Mission Aviation Fellowship.

Lorraine "Strickhouser" (ACCT '86) and **Mike Senseney** have a baby! Luke Michael was born 11/7/96.

Larry (AT '86) and **Linda Whiting** have accepted a new assignment with Mission Aviation Fellowship. They will be working in a former Soviet Union country in Central Asia.

Kenneth Saxe (BU/AT '84) has moved away from Texas. He is now doing technology consulting for Saxe Technology. His e-mail is Ksaxe@Techcenter.com.

Robert (WE '85) and **Joanna Allen** are happy to announce the arrival of Tristian Michael on 9/14/96.

Brad (BUBS '85) and **Lori Crawford** have been blessed with a third child. Bethany Jean was born 2/8/97.

David Helsel (ME '85) is now a plant manager in Newcastle, England. Contact him at hasslebob@aol.com

Scott Nichols (CSE '85) was recently promoted to project manager at Quality Systems, Inc. in Fairfax, Va. He currently lives in Reston with wife, Carla, and daughters Brittanie and Madeleine.

Mike (AT '88) and **Jodi (AMT/EN '91)** Bunn were blessed with another baby. Megan Lee was born 4/15/97. The Bunn's live in Brazil where they work with Mission Air/YWAM.

Marc Charpentier (AT '88) now works for The Heritage Organization. He is flying as captain on a Piper Cheyenne II and as co-pilot on a British Aerospace Hawker Jet and a Lockheed JetStar.

Robert Palmer (MT/DT '88) is now senior mechanic engineer for Pronet.

Brent (WE '88) and **Lisa Wilder** had a daughter on 11/9/96. Hailey Ann was welcomed home by her brother, Connor.

Derek (ET/CST/AM '89) and **Lily Duncan** named their new baby Drew Derek Nelson Duncan. Born 11/25/96, he weighed 8 lbs.



Chicago area alumni meeting in May.

Matt Baldwin (EE '87) is in a new position as senior systems engineer with Lockheed Martin Control Systems in John City, N.Y. His wife, Janice, and their three children are doing great.

Skyler (EE '87) and **Kristy Kelm** announce the birth of their first child, Sierra Bethany on 1/10/97.

Marc (CSE '87) and **Holly Rausser** had some good news. On 2/8/97, Monica Rose arrived to the excitement of brother Dustin and sister Catherine.

Gary (MT '87) and **Ingrid Rich** are back in Peru where they work with Wycliffe. Pray for them as they anticipate adopting a Peruvian child. This will be their fourth child.

Shanon (MT '89) and **Maria Odman** had their first child on 2/8/97. McKenzie Maria was born in Taiwan, where Shanon works as a product engineer for CSA.

Dan (ME '89) and **Karen Rohrbach** were blessed with their first baby. Roman Johann was born 4/27/97. Congratulations!

Satli Kharar (CST '90) and **Dr. Sharmila Amolik** were married 12/28/96. They reside in Calif.

Kathryn "Mulholland" (PE '88-90) and **Jonathan (MT/AT '93)** Hirsch want to announce the birth of Benjamin Addison on 9/17/96. He joins brother Nicholas.

Robert A. Lorenz (MT/IM '90) married **Lori Jean Kay** on 9/28/96 in Marshall, Texas. They live in Longview, Texas.

Hans (ACCT '90) and **Debbie Manhave** have another daughter. **Faith Elizabeth** was born 2/19/97, and joins her two brothers and two sisters.

Todd (ATBS '90) and **Donella (BU '93)** **Tiesenga** have a precious baby girl named **Krysta Nichole**. She was born 1/16/97.

Joey (WE '92) and **Wendy "Brannberg" (CST '91) Beckham** announce the birth of their first child, **Scott Everett**, born 12/16/96.

Bruce (AT '92) and **Debbie Chase** are proud of **Marian Karen**, born 10/19/96.

Wes (WE '92) and **Rubyllynn "Beckwith" (90-92) Cross** have a baby boy. His name is **Seth Wesley Cross** and he was born 2/20/97.

Joseph (WE '92) and **Jana Hege** are thrilled to announce the birth of their first child, **Caleb Scott**, on 7/23/96.

Rodney Lemons (BM '92) was honored as the 1997 Minority Small Business Advocate of the Year for the Dallas/Ft. Worth District of the US Small Business Administration. **Rodney** was honored for his work to promote small business ownership among minorities. Congratulations, **Rodney!**

Kenneth Mullins (AT '92) married **Lavon Harms** on 12/21/96.

Shane (BUBS '92) and **Jill Patterson** had a first ... their first baby that is. **Abigail Teague** made her arrival on 1/5/97. The Patterson family lives in Dover, Penn.

Ray Rising, Jr. (AT '92) married **Maria Gonzalez Ramirez** on 5/24/97 in Santa Fe de Bogota, Colombia.

Craig (ACCT '92)

Robertson is the new treasurer/controller of **Durex Coverings, Inc.** which is a multi-state reinforced concrete and epoxy flooring contractor. He and wife, **Alisa**, live in **Millersville, Penn.**

Darryl (AT '92) and **Tammy Wright** now have a daughter. **Taylor Rene** was born 5/7/97, and is their first child. The Wrights live in **Long Beach, Miss.** where **Darryl** works as the music & youth pastor for **Sharon Baptist Church.**

Tami Akins (MK/BU '93) and **Chad Karisch (AT '93)** were married 3/2/96 in **Bellville, Texas.** **Dave Luckert (BI '80)** performed the ceremony. They live in **Austin, Texas** where **Chad** works at **Air Group, Inc.** and **Tami** is an analyst assistant with **Alex Sheshunoff Investment Banking.**



Tami Akins and Chad Karisch

Anita "Boomstra" (BU/DT '93) and **Dan (CSE '95) Baergen** had a baby boy on 2/26/97. His name is **Peter Daniel** and he is their first child.

James Beylotte (ME '93) and **Tiffany Hayer (BU '94)** were married on 5/10/97 in **Mt. Vernon, Wash.** A number of **LeTourneau** alumni attended the wedding.

Mary Chiocco (BM '94) is currently attending law school at **Texas Wesleyan School.**

Rebecca "Courson" (ACCT '93) and **Mike Hutton** have their first child. **Savannah Paige** was born on **Mother's Day, 5/11/97.** She weighed **7 lbs 1 oz** and was **19 in.** long. Proud grandparents are **Ron** and **Rita Counson**, **Administrative Assistant** at the **University Advancement** Department.

Jason Howe (AT '94) married **Kathryn Kent** on April 26, 1997. **Jason** is now working for the **Professional Pilots Association** in **Novato, Calif.**

Paul Potter (BM '93) and **Tina White (BM '93)** were married 8/26/96. The wedding was on **Maliaka Beach** in **Maui, Hawaii.** Congratulations!

Michael Aran (AT/FL '95) was married to **Jessica Garzi** on 5/14/97 in **Hazellhill, Mass.** **Michael** is currently working for **Lockheed Martin.**

Jerry (BY '95) and **Brenda Arnett** have child number five. **Bryce Colson** joined his four sisters on 2/7/96. **Jerry** is a research assistant at **The University of South Dakota School of Medicine** in the Department of **Biochemistry** and **Molecular Biology.**

Ruth Burk (BY'95) and **Paul Glass** were married 3/8/97. **Paul** is the son of **Kay Glass (IS '51)** and the late **Keith Glass (MA '72).** They reside in **Longview.**

Stan (ATBI '95) and **Merrily Cundiff** want you to know of the birth of **Rachel Nicole** on 9/13/96. **Stan** is currently working for **Cessna** in **Kansas.**

Jeff Hogue (AT/FL '95) is in a masters program in **Biblical Studies** at **Multnomah Biblical Seminary** in **Portland, Ore.**

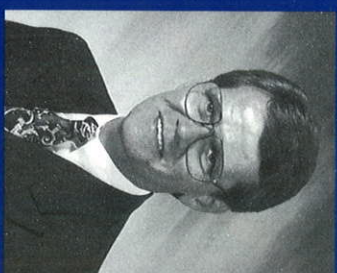
John Weicht (BM '95) has received a promotion. He is now regional engine manager for **Dallas Air Motive.**

Kev (ME '95) and **Kerry Yacoubian** had their first child on 3/19/97. They named their daughter **Lara Victoria.** Congratulations!

Joel Armstrong (WT/IM '96) is working for **Reading & Bates** in **Houston.**

Kevin Bohatch (ME/WE '96) and his wife had their first baby on 10/24/96. His name is **Trevor James.**

Scoot, Scurry, Bustle and Dash



Bryan Benson,
Director of Alumni Relations

No, the above title is not the name of a prestigious law firm. It's an apt description of my first 10 months in the alumni office. I refer to this time as my "blessed" scoot/scurry/bustle/dash!

The weeks and months have rushed by at breakneck speed. Can someone out there find additional hours for each day? But it has been a time of blessing, too. I am blessed because it has been my special privilege to renew old alumni acquaintances and meet literally hundreds of you alumni for the very first time!

As I've had the opportunity to visit via E-mail, telephone, letter and in person, I'm encouraged and intrigued by the diverse locales in which you serve and the diversity of vocations you represent.

Without a doubt the Lord is strategically guiding the LeTourneau University alumni family! I wish I could take each of you along as I meet fellow alumni in various parts of the country.

I guarantee your heart would be blessed as you observe God's hand at work in and through our alumni.

Keep up the good work and stay in touch!



Indianapolis Area alumni gather in March.

Richard Poorman (ME '96) and **Jennifer Lawson** were married 12/15/97 in **Speer Chapel** on the **LeTourneau University** campus.

Jonathan (CST '96) and **Rachel Gardner** now have a baby boy. **Nathan Javier** was born 1/23/97 and is their first child. **Jonathan** is now working for **MCI** in **Richardson, Texas.**

Steve Rundus (ME '96) is now working for **United Space Alliance** in the **Houston area.** His title is **flight design engineer.**

John and Linda Miller, our missionaries-in-residence, packed up and left on 5/5/97. They have gone back to northern Spain to continue their work there. This was their second time to be missionary-in-residence at **LeTourneau** and we certainly appreciate their ministry.

Dr. Robert L. Stephens passed away on 2/15/97. **Dr. Stephens** and his wife **Barbara** worked at **LeTourneau University** from '61-'71 and again in the late '70s and early '80s.

FACULTY & STAFF

Dr. Kenneth McKinley, former Bible professor and professor emeritus at **LeTourneau**, went to **Israel** for about a month in April. He taught the Bible to messianic Jews who had emigrated to **Israel** from **Russia.**



Alumni pose at the 1996 Oshkosh (Wisc.) E.A.A. Alumni Meeting. The 1997 Alumni meeting is set for August 2. Plan to attend!

KEEP IN TOUCH!
Send us news of what's happening in your life. Don't be left out.

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prepare to

SUMMER

Summer is here again! It's a fun time of year, filled with special activities compatible to the warmest season. For many of us, the summer months bring picnics and baseball, vacations and family reunions.

Before running out the door to that game or down the road on that trip, take a moment to check a few details.

Be sure to:

- Check the batteries in your camera and take along a spare to be sure you are ready for that memorable photo opportunity.
- Confirm your itinerary and leave an emergency phone number with family or a trusted friend to be sure you are not completely 'out of pocket'.
- Carry along plenty of sunscreen (minimum 15 SPF) to protect against the sun's damaging rays.
- Check the maintenance on your car to be sure you arrive safely.

One more thing. What about your will? Is it ready for summer? Think of your will as a reflection of your desires and financial circumstances at a particular point in time. Are there details which need to be changed to bring it up to date?

Add to the checklist:

- Meet with the attorney to prepare or revise your will. (A complete rewrite may not be necessary, or a simple codicil may suffice.)
- Complete "Memo To: My Loved Ones" and leave it with family.

The best way to enjoy summer is to know you are prepared. To order your copy of "Memo To: My Loved Ones", simply call or return the form on the right. Once your preparations are complete, go make a summer memory.

Dear Friends at LeTourneau:

____ Please send my copy of "Memo To: My Loved Ones".

____ I have already provided a bequest for LeTourneau.

Please send information about the LeTourneau
University Heritage Club.

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If you are considering a bequest,
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Worldwide Web Site Brings Worldwide Attention



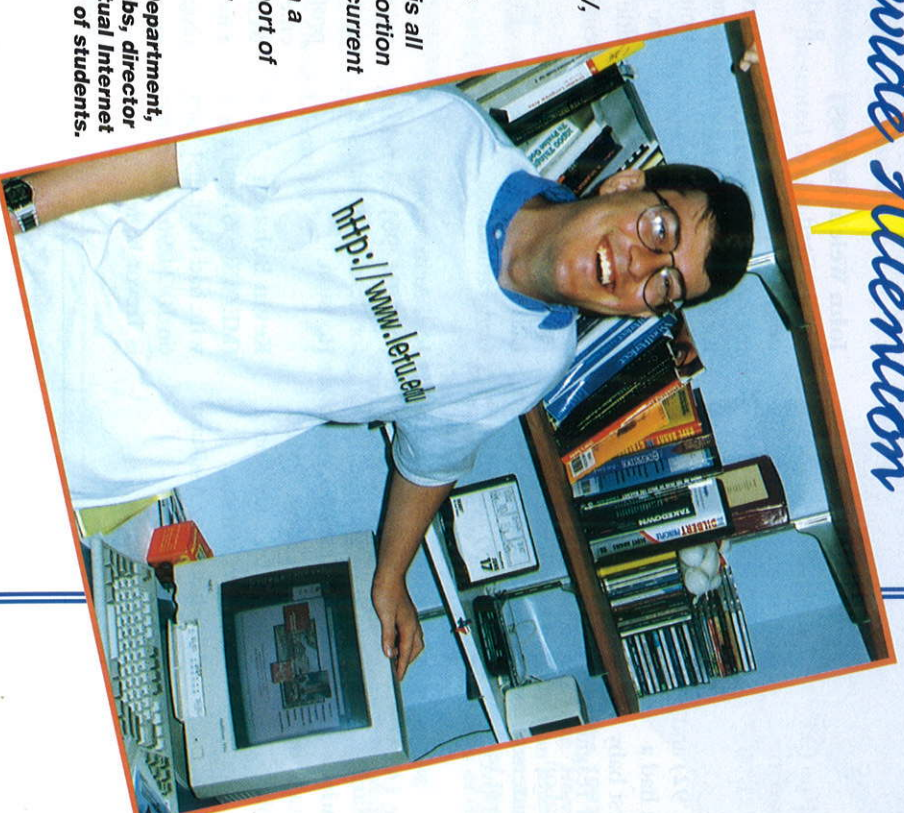
As addresses go, "www.letu.edu" doesn't quite have the ring of "Beverly Hills 90210" or "1600 Pennsylvania Avenue." But if the address were real, instead of virtual, the welcome mat would show a lot of wear: more than 500,000 guests visited in the past year alone.

LeTourneau University's website, www.letu.edu/, has become the single most read publication the University publishes. As many as 40,000 off-campus computer users visit the website each month.

Visitors have a lot to see. According to Webmaster Mark Roedel, there are over 1,000 "pages" of Internet material, ranging from alumni news to course information to the latest Yellowjacket sports scores. The wealth of information is all free, and can be seen by anyone with the ability to access the worldwide web portion of the Internet. Most of the Internet programming and design work is done by current LeTourneau students as part of their work-study program.

LeTourneau's web site was recently honored as the Grand Prize Winner in a competition sponsored by District IV of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), covering 174 member colleges and universities in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and the nation of Mexico.

Mark Roedel, systems programmer in the Information Technology Department, models a shirt with the University's web page address. Mark, and Bill Gibbs, director of University relations, provide leadership to the project. Most of the actual Internet programming and design is done by a team of students.



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